

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Sergeant Christopher J. Ramsey.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Christopher J. Ramsey upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and the most profound sorrow that the tragic death in combat operations of Sergeant Christopher Ramsey at the age of twenty, while deployed with the 1088th Engineer Battalion of the 256th Brigade Combat Team, has been learned by the membership of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey, a native of Batchelor, began his military service shortly after he graduated from high school; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey had long held the desire of serving his country in the armed forces and decided to enter the Louisiana National Guard in order to fulfill his dream; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey was a loving husband and father to his wife, Erica, and their two young children, and will remain forever young in their hearts and be greatly missed by them as they face the challenges of life without him; and

WHEREAS, his friends and comrades, both in his hometown and in his unit, Company B of the 1088th Engineer Battalion of the 256th Brigade Combat Team, will sorely

1 miss his presence as the reality of his absence becomes more undeniable with each passing
2 day; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey was a wonderful son to his parents, Angie and Jeff
4 Ramsey, who, more than ever, feel a great sense of pride in Christopher for his patriotic
5 military service and the part he played in his country's efforts in the war on terrorism; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey's grandmother had recently counseled with him over
7 the death in the dusty, dangerous streets of Baghdad of other comrades from his unit and had
8 persuaded him to read his Bible in order to better face the daily fear and peril of life in the
9 Iraqi Theater of Operations; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey had overcome his fear of death in battle and was
11 prepared and strengthened by his faith, even on January 28, 2005, when he and his patrol
12 were attacked by terrorist forces in Western Baghdad and two of his brothers in arms
13 perished with him; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey will always truly represent what it means to be an
15 American, a citizen soldier, and a shining example of the best this nation offers; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Ramsey always placed the needs of his fellow soldiers as well
17 as his country's needs ahead of his own, despite a wife, children, parents, and grandparents
18 who waited for him back home in Louisiana and a future that begged to be lived.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 that a profound sense of loss and heartfelt condolences are hereby expressed upon the death
21 of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Christopher J. Ramsey while fighting for
22 freedom in a faraway land.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Christopher J. Ramsey.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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